

I'm a Librarian, Don't Make Me Shush You!

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Is this a library?





John Rylands, Manchester



British Library, London



Learning Commons,
Tec de Monterrey library, Mexico City



Makerspace, Phoenix Public Library



**“Little free library” = free
book swapping only**



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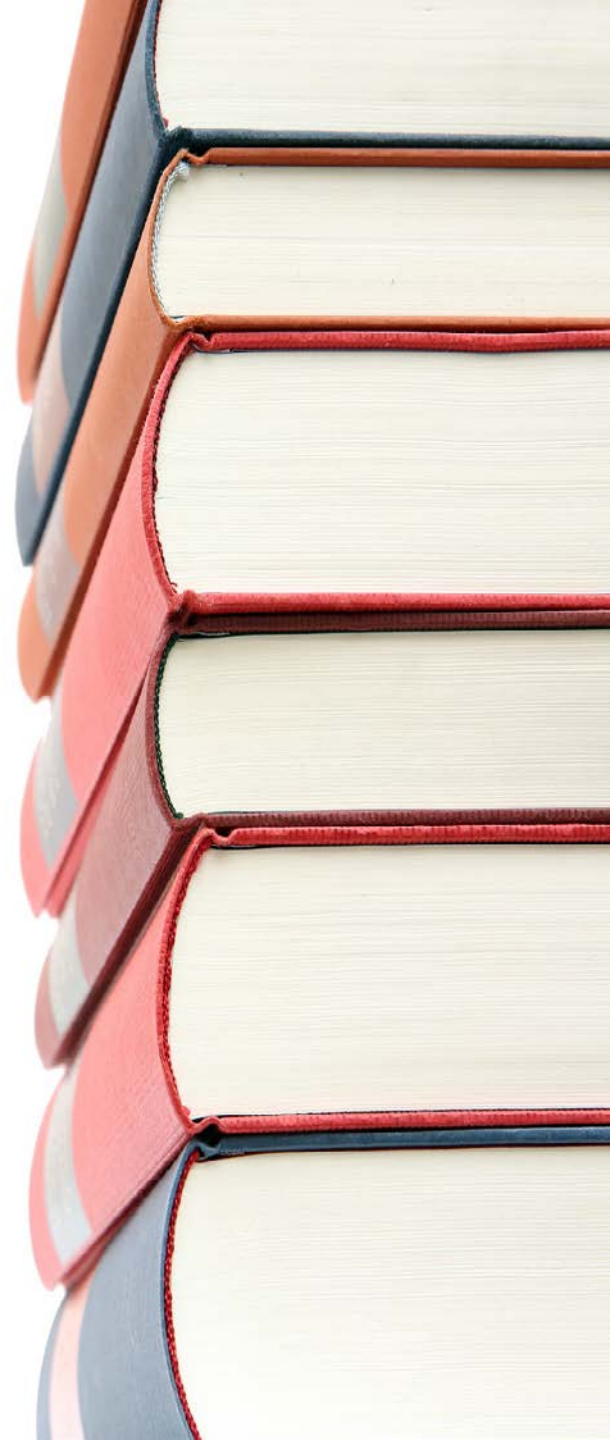
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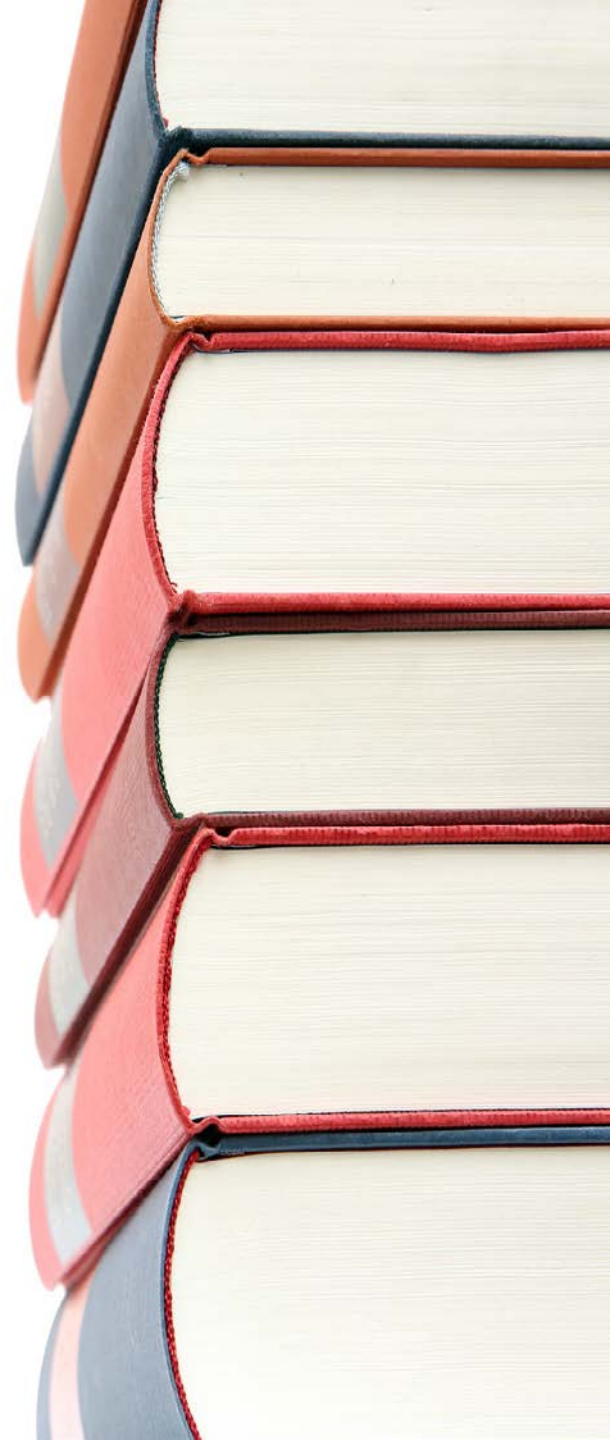


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Myth busting



Grover in the library



It's all just
books isn't it?



LIBRARIAN FIG.

PRICE \$7.95



24304

ACCOUTREMENTS
OUTDOORS OF POPULAR CULTURE

Nancy Pearl

LIBRARIAN

ACTION FIGURE

"The role of a librarian is to make sense of the world of information.
If that's not a qualification for superhero-dom, what is?" - Nancy Pearl



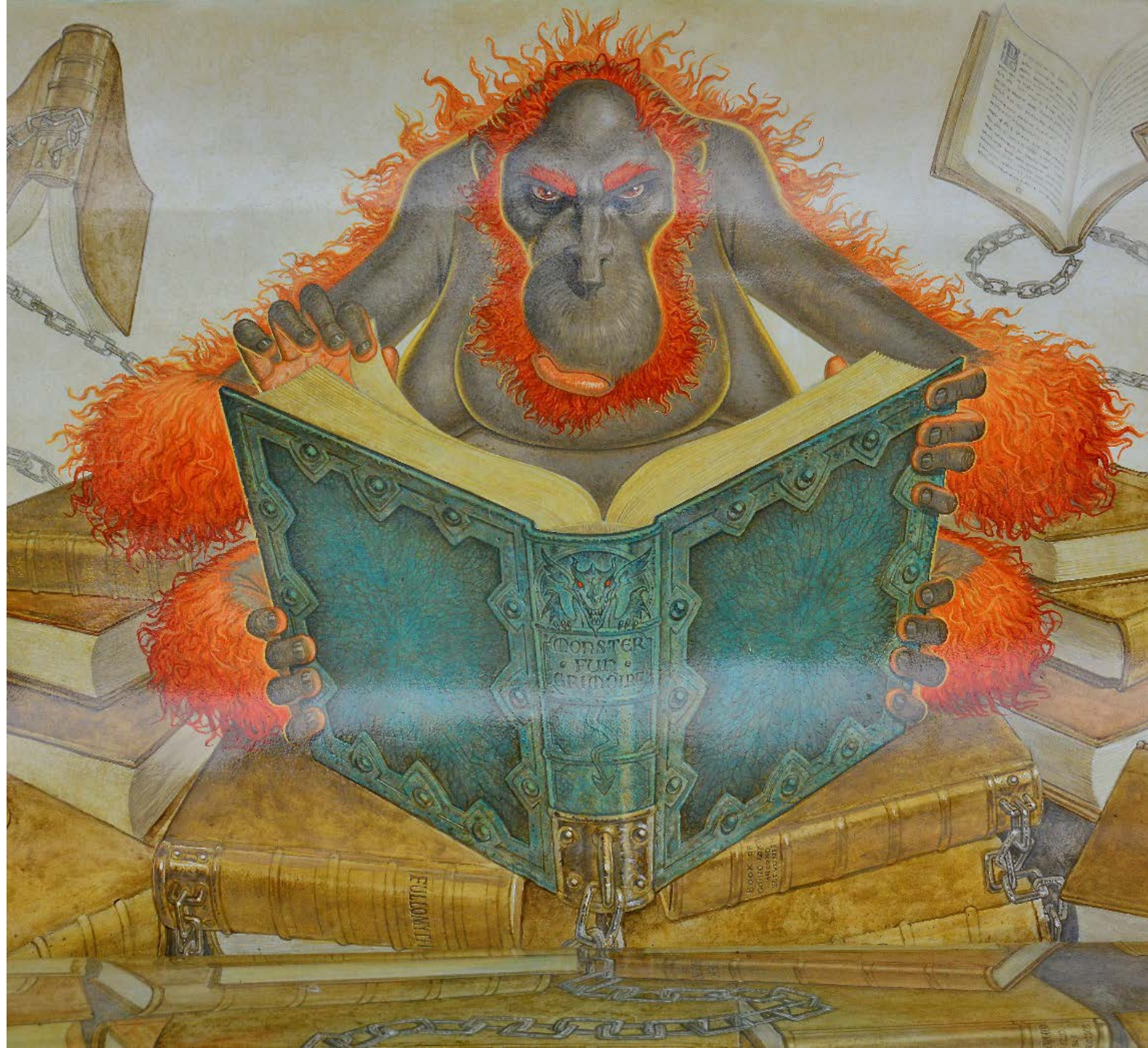
The stereotypical
librarian –
now an action
figure!

My personal favourite

The rules:

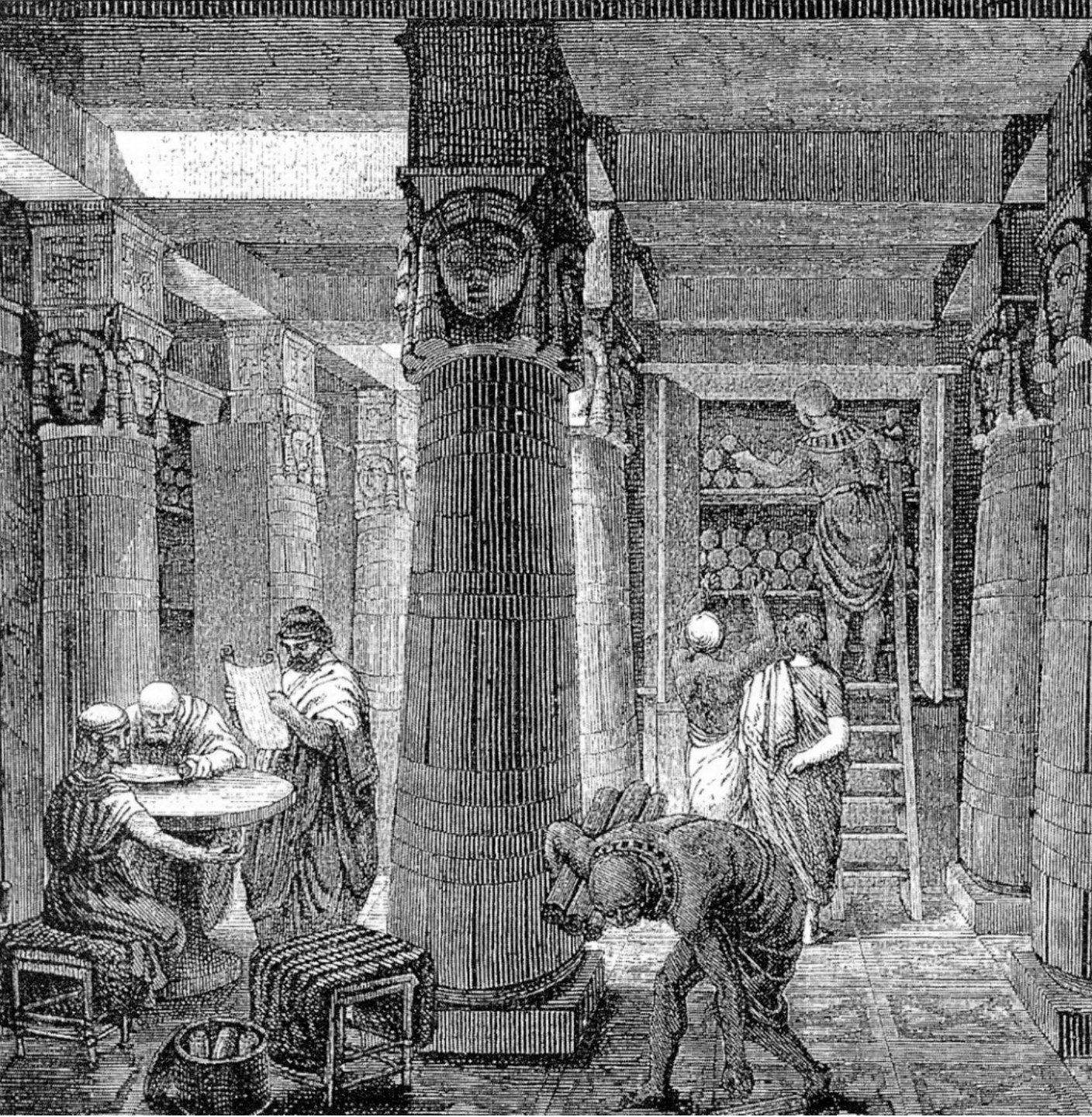
1. Silence
2. Books must not be returned later than the date shown
3. Do not meddle with the nature of causality

http://discworld.wikia.com/wiki/The_Librarian



**Why do we think
this stuff?
What's the history?**





**Alexandria –
the world's
most famous
library?**

Christianity & the monastic library



Gloucester Cathedral Cloisters





**University of Houston &
Mt. Prospect Public
Library**



ost her uidi et ecce ostium apertum in celo. Et uox prima
quam audiui tanquam tube loquentis mecum dicens.
Ascende huc et ostendam tibi que oportet fieri post hec. Et statim
fui in spiritu et ecce sedes posita erat in celo: et supra sedem sedes.
Et qui sedebat: similis erat aspectui lapidis iaspidis et sar-
dini. Et uisus erat in circuitu sedis similis uisionis smarag-
dine. Et in circuitu sedis sedilia xx. iiii. et super thronos ui-
ginti quatuor seniores sedentes. circum amicti uestimtis al-
bis et in capitis: eorum corone auree. Et de throno. procedebat ful-
gura. et uoces. et tonitrua. Et septem lampades ardentes ante
thronum que sunt. vii. spiritus dei. Et in aspectu sedis tanquam mare
uitreum simile cristallo. Et in medio sedis et in circuitu sedis.
iui. aialia plena oculis ante et retro. Et aialia primu: simile le-
oni. Et secundum animal simile urculo. Et tertium animal habens
faciem quasi hominis. Et quatuor animal simile aquile uolanti. Et
iui. aialia singula eorum habebant alas senas. Et in circuitu in-
tus: plena sunt oculis. Et requie non habebant die et nocte dicen-
tes. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
Et cum daret illa aialia gloriam et honorem et benedic-
tione sedenti super thronum uiuenti in secula seculorum.

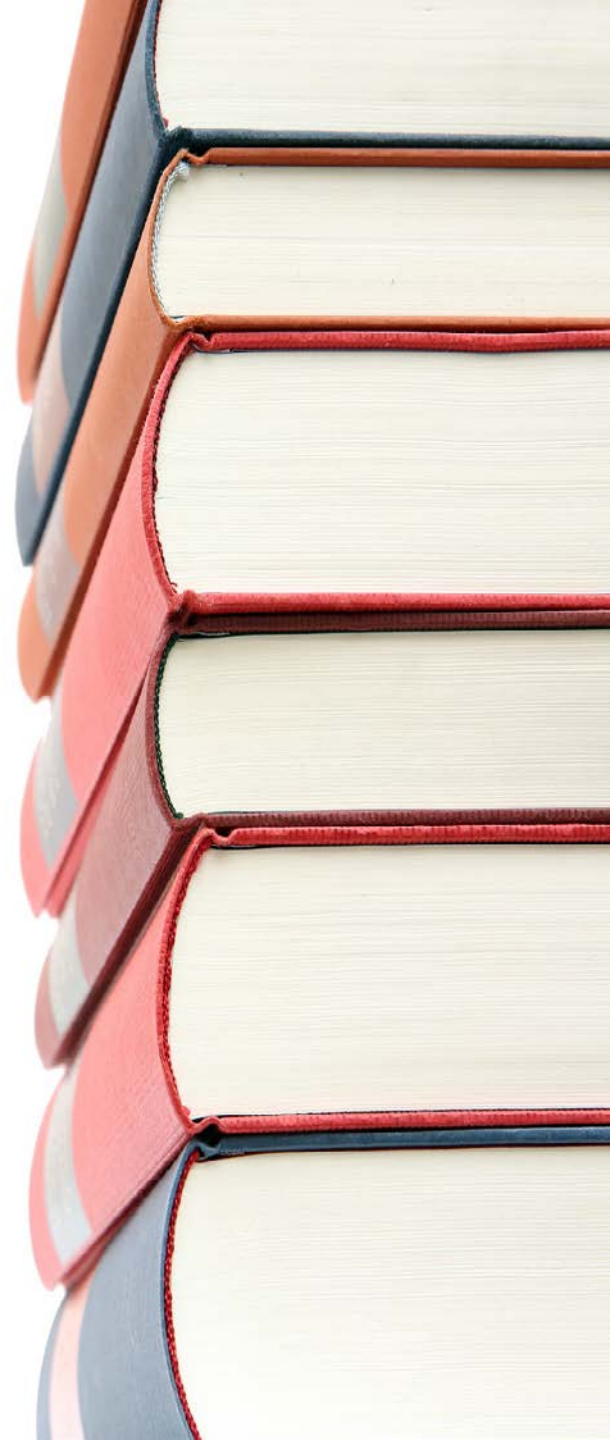
The Middle Ages & the Renaissance



The printing press



**19th century –
more familiar territory?**





Late 20th and 21st
centuries – things
are changing

The Wikipedia entry for the history of libraries in the 21st century is a bit sparse!

In the 21st century libraries are changing and evolving to match modern society. Lots of libraries are facing financial issues and crises. But are finding ways to adapt to people's needs. Such as providing digital services to patrons at home, and creating more user friendly places.

Before online catalogues



Technological change –
do we need libraries?

Spoiler alert –
yes, we do!



9 out of 10 households have internet access



<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/householdcharacteristics/homeinternetandsocialmediausage/bulletins/internetaccesshouseholdsandindividuals/2018#9-out-of-10-households-have-internet-access>

**That's around 6.44 million people
who don't have the internet at home**

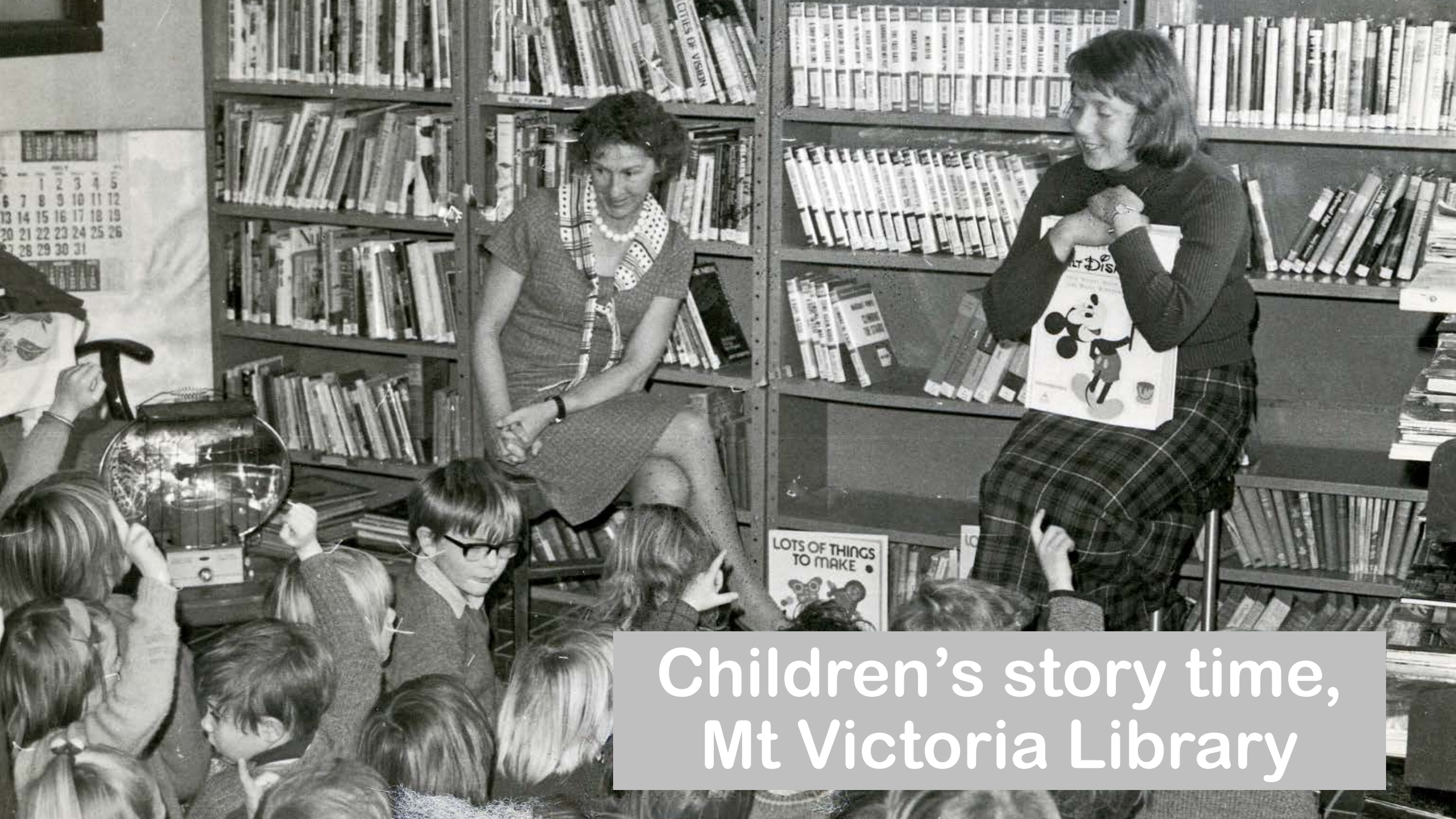


That's roughly the equivalent of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the population of London



**Libraries are for our
communities**





Children's story time,
Mt Victoria Library

Books for the Blind, 1949



The Hive



**How popular
are libraries?**





29,105,496

<https://www.worldfootball.net/attendance/eng-premier-league-2017-2018/3/>

Visits in 2017-18



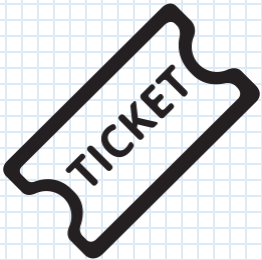
23,900,000

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ae-waiting-times-and-activity/ae-attendances-and-emergency-admissions-2017-18/>



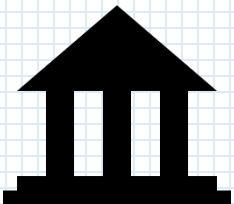
39,200,000

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/leisureandtourism/articles/traveltrends/2017>



170,616,775

<https://www.launchingfilms.com/research-databank/>



243,000,000

www.cipfastats.net



Public UK library visits are actually
down 14% over 5 years
BUT



105 public libraries were shut in 2016/17, 38 higher than the previous year



Opening hours have been reduced



Budgets slashed by £66m in 2016/17



Staff spend reduced (full time staff dropped by 17.7% over 5 year period) and volunteer numbers increasing;



<https://www.thebookseller.com/news/cipfa-library-figures-687596>

<https://www.cipfa.org/about-cipfa/press-office/archived-press-releases/2017-press-releases/spending-on-public-libraries-falls-by-%C2%A366m-in-a-year>



Local authorities have a **statutory duty** under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 'to provide a **comprehensive and efficient** library service for all **persons**' in the area that want to make use of it (section 7).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-libraries-as-a-statutory-service/libraries-as-a-statutory-service>

Down

- 2. MP for Edgbaston (5,4)
- 3. Ozzy Osbourne's day of rest (7)
- 5. Don't make one of these in your dissertation (4)
- 6. Redbrick's first name (5,4)
- 7. UoB's main building is named after another university... and a comedian (5,4)
- 8. Something fishy about the Guild of Students fountain (7)
- 11. Only snobs train here (3,6)
- 15. Redbrick's noisy neighbours (6)
- 16. Approximate amount of time taken to find a seat in the library (4)
- 16. Vale centrepiece (4)

**University libraries
are often some of
the busiest places
on campus**

This clue was in Redbrick,
the University of
Birmingham's student
newspaper

Y _ _ R

A young woman with brown hair tied in a ponytail is sitting on the floor in a library aisle. She is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, and is holding a red book open and reading it. She is leaning against a wooden bookshelf on her right. The bookshelf on her left is filled with books, some of which have titles like 'THRIVING', 'EXPLORE', and 'THE BAPTIST HYMNAL'. The floor is made of wood, and there are more books stacked on the floor next to her. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a large library.

A common scene,
no matter how
large the library!

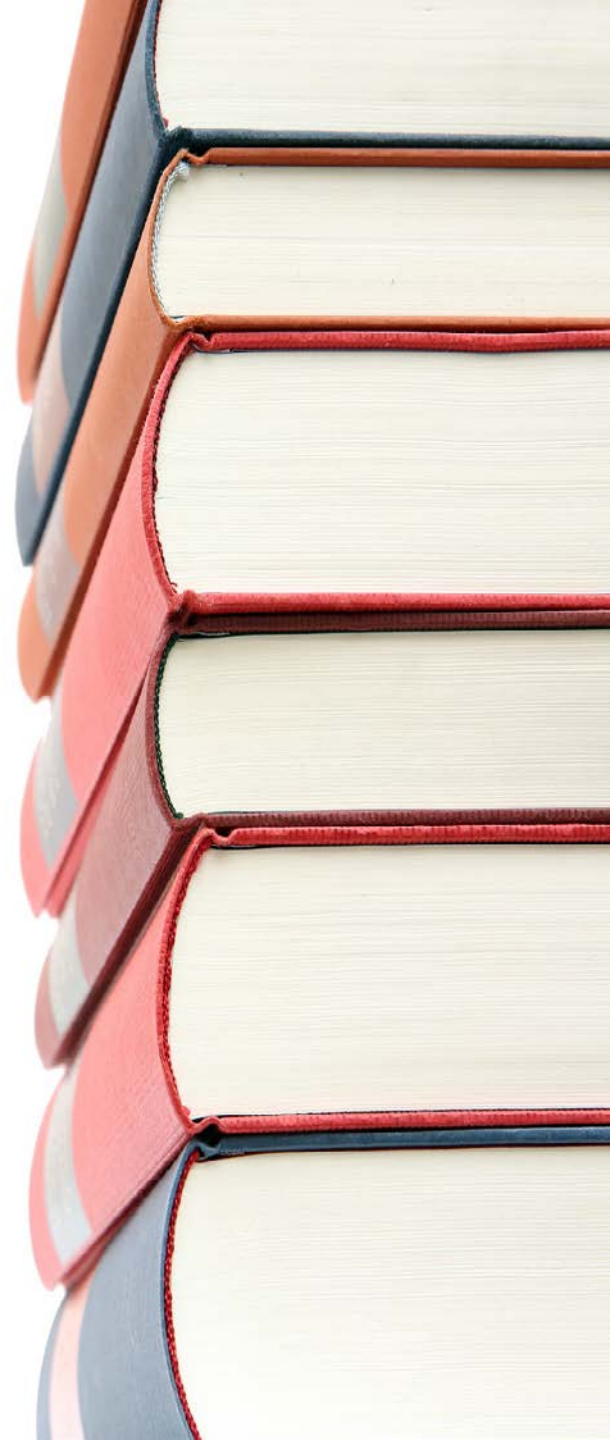
Just like
our public
library
colleagues,
academic
librarians
wear many
hats



Challenges for university libraries



**Some cool
new libraries**

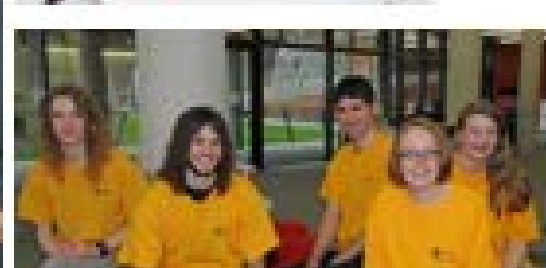


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“I simply wanted to congratulate you on providing such a fantastic facility for all and catering for so many needs. It is so fantastic, I love everything – the great staff, the sustainable build, the modern surround etc. Thank You!”





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@TheHiveWorcs

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Join our Space day on Saturday 7th October, 11am-4pm. Book your seats for our planetarium sessions at: ow.ly/vmUR30ex1qb



10:54 AM - 19 Aug 2017



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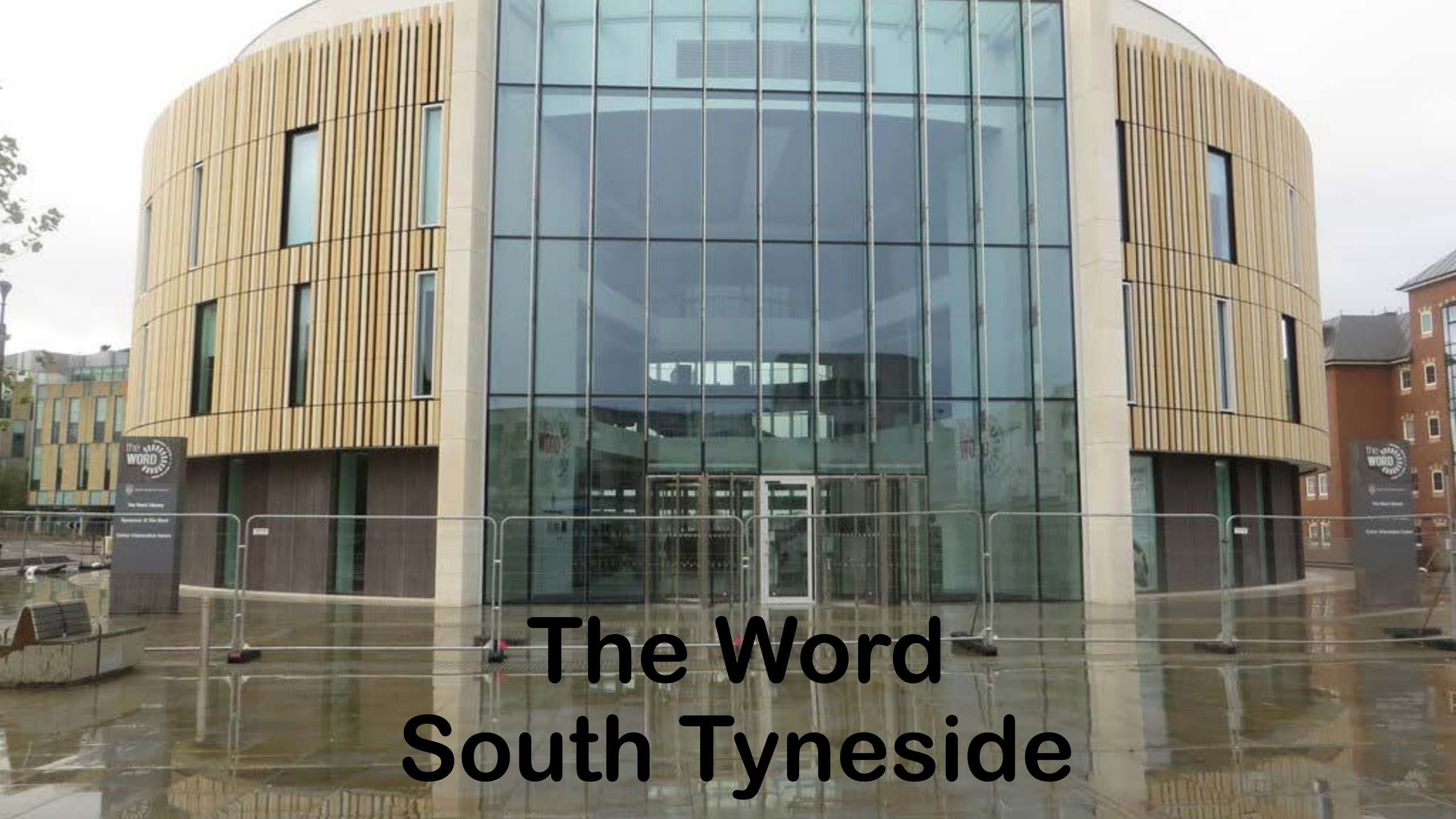


42% consumption since
May13

24% reduction in heat energy
consumption since Feb14

87% reduction in natural gas
consumption since Feb14

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The Word South Tyneside

Amazing architecture

LEVEL 3

Viewing Terrace

ROUND
the WORD

LEVEL 2

OPENZONE
the WORD StoryWorld
the WORD

Children's Library
Media Studio
The Lens
FabLab

LEVEL 1

Adult Non-Fiction
Local & Family History
Learn & Discover I.T.
Catherine Cookson Room
Charles Dickens Room
The Lens



More traditional spaces





nazifa - 8

Alvin
and
the Chipmunks

chantelle - 14



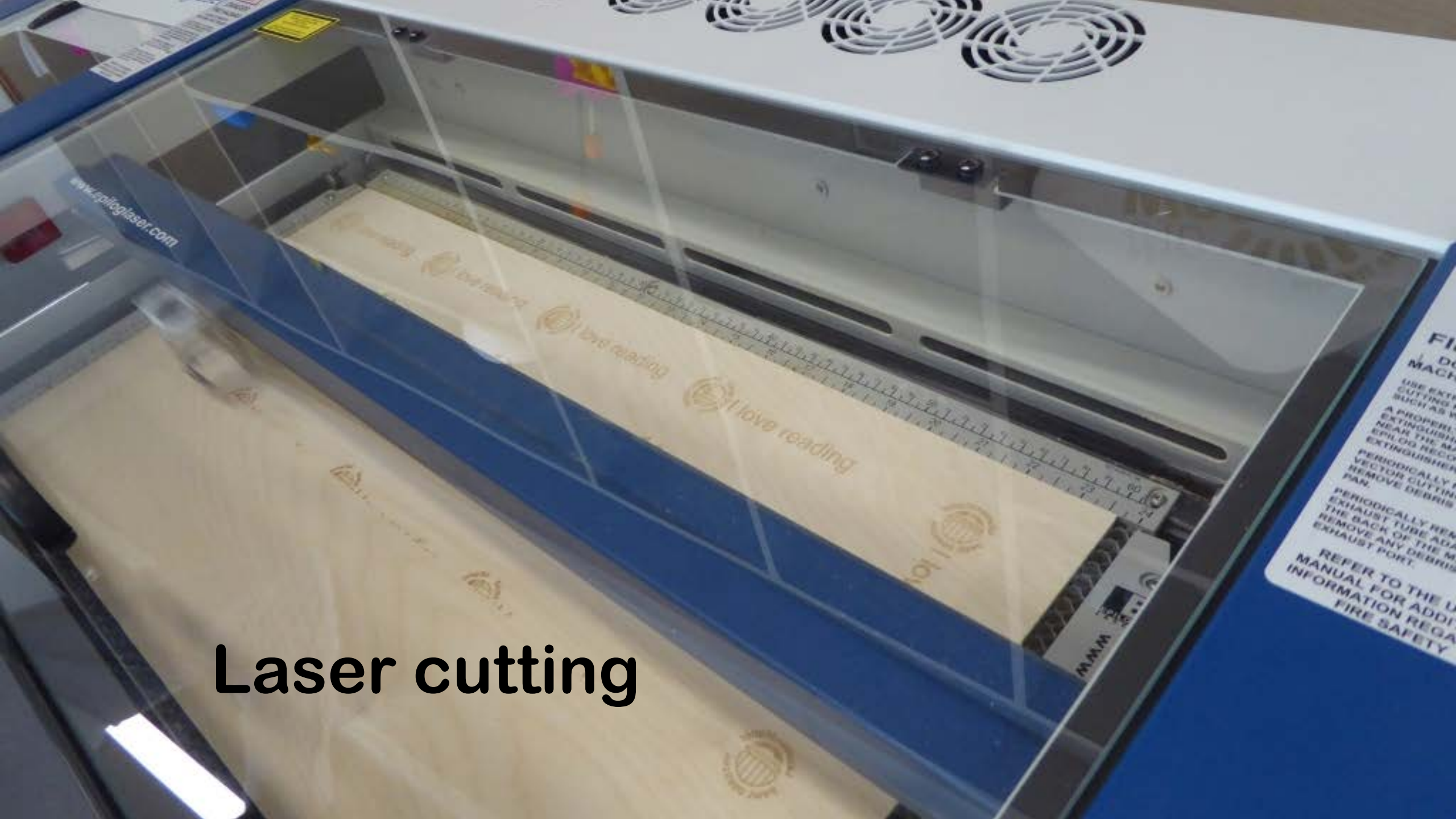


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Laser cutting

The Diamond Sheffield





The Storyhouse Chester





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CHESTER ROAD 90-99



Lad





A person wearing a dark, possibly black, robe is shown from the chest down, holding a large, smooth, white sphere. The person's hands are positioned on either side of the sphere, with fingers slightly spread. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a draped fabric. Overlaid on the white sphere is the text "What does the future hold?" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

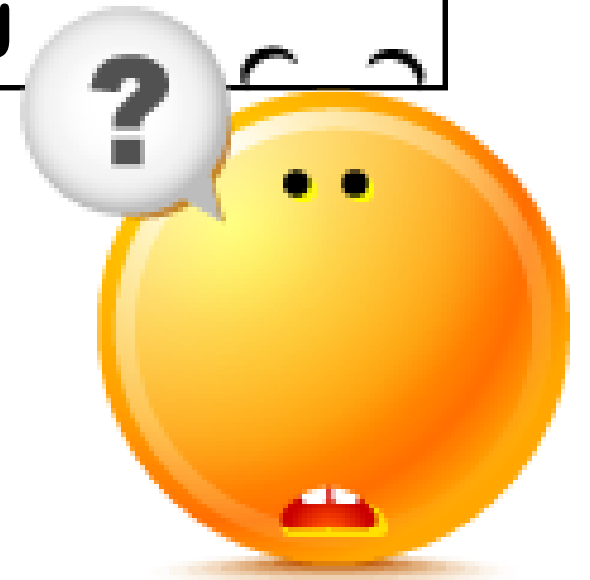
**What does
the future
hold?**

Near future industries

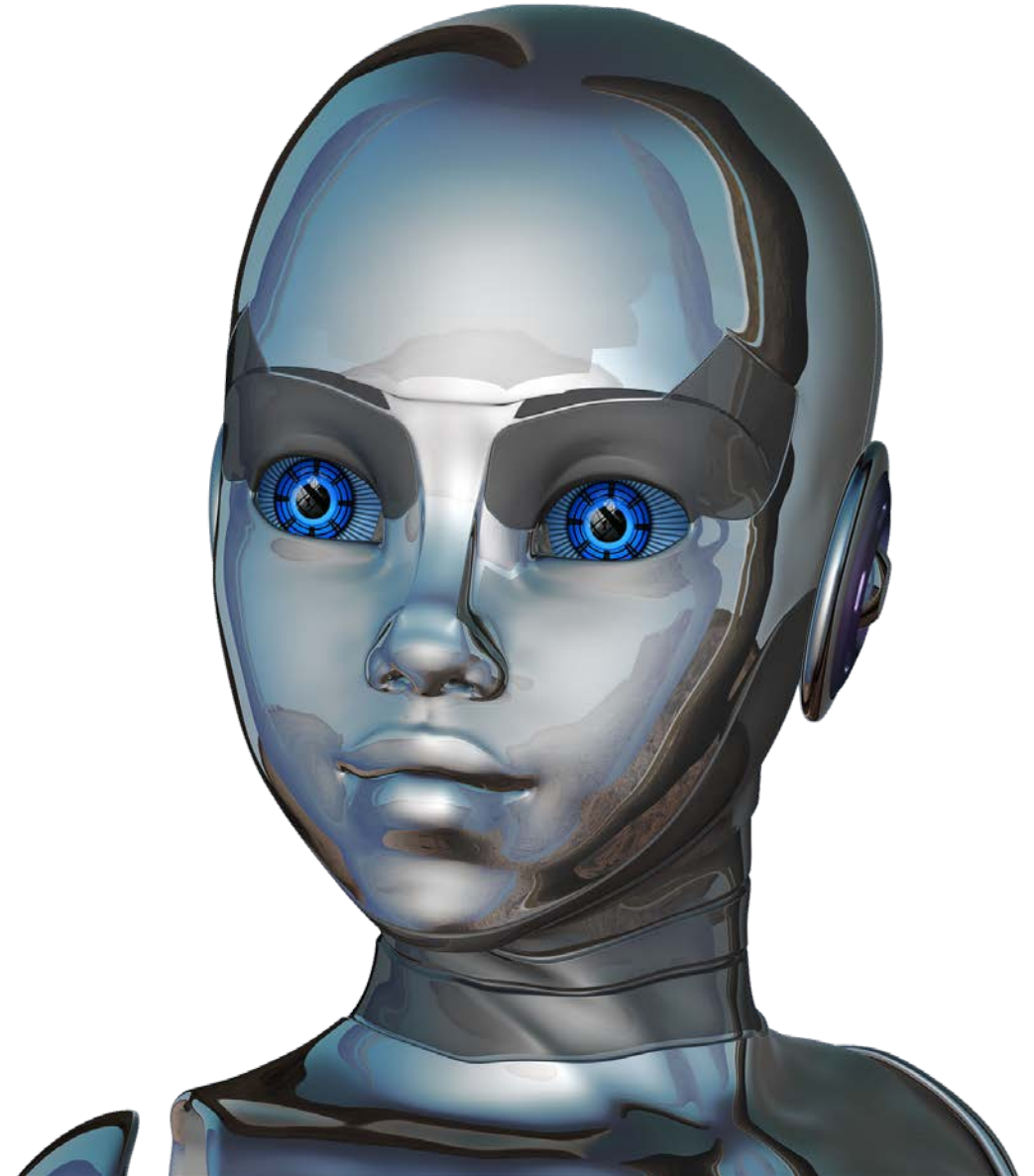
Asteroid mining
Drone engineering
DNA editing
Robot wrangling

Near future industries

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Technology and the future of libraries





Dave Puplett @Puplett · Oct 19



So we've set up our new virtual reality kit @drillhalllib which we are immediately using to do a 4K Google Earth fly-by of... the building we're already in :)



“Coding workshops. 3D printers. And books. Far from extinct, today’s public library is about access to technology as much as to knowledge”

<https://www.macleans.ca/society/how-public-libraries-are-reinventing-themselves-for-the-21st-century/>

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